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**From:** Steeger, Thomas [Steeger.Thomas@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 10/13/2020 1:37:54 PM  
**To:** Green, Jamie [Green.Jamie@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up

Thanks Jamie-- I would hope that Dr. Smart recognizes the value of timely reporting of purported pesticide-related incidents to the state lead agency so that a proper investigation can be conducted. Reporting an incident well after it has occurred is somewhat academic since most of the evidence rapidly dissipates. Also, if the state has an apiary inspection program, the researcher should be amenable to having the affected colony(ies) evaluated for multiple factors (e.g., pests/pathogens).

No research is needed on your part; however, if you need information, please let me know.

Tom

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 8:18 AM  
**To:** Steeger, Thomas <Steeger.Thomas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up

Good morning Tom -

We have a few discussions with NDEE and NDA regarding the facility in Mead, NE. NE continues to evaluate options for getting the material currently stored on the ground removed and some progress has been made. During a September call they indicated that 32 K tons had been landfilled. The facility estimates that 50 K tons remains although other estimates put it much higher.

We were told in September that Dr. Smart had contacted NDEE regarding her concerns about the site. It sounded as though she had done the same or similar presentation for them. In communications with NDEE she indicated that she had lost a hive June 25th that had been installed June 11th, that she attributed to the site. Although they did not indicate if she had done any analysis to determine if pesticides were present. Would expect that if she had taken samples it would have taken some time for results to return but she has not contacted our office.

I'm afraid that's all I know right now.

If you'd like us to do a little research, let me know.

Thanks

Jamie

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**From:** Steeger, Thomas <Steeger.Thomas@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 7:18 PM  
**To:** Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Follow-up

Jamie- I hope this finds you, your family, friends and colleagues in good health.

I am writing to learn whether there were any additional actions on the bee kill incident reported by the University of Nebraska researcher. My understanding based on previous discussions is that the incident was relatively sketchy since the affected colonies may have been diseased.

A while back, I provided a brief overview of the incident to EFED management and let them know that there may be some sensitivities associated with the ethanol production facility; however, the incident report itself was not compelling based on the information provided.

Tom

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